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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT: THIS WEEK IN CHEMICALS

[Critiques of Chemical Analyses Set for June, EPA's Dunn Says](#) [\(1\)](#)

By Pat Rizzuto

The EPA expects scientists to begin critiquing its 10 draft chemical risk evaluations in June to enable the agency to decide by December whether any of the substances pose an unreasonable risk that triggers regulation.

[Three Controversial Chemicals Top EPA's Pesticide To-Do List](#)

By Adam Allington

The Environmental Protection Agency plans to review new science on a number of high-profile pesticides in the coming months to support any possible decisions.

[Firms Have Longer to Put Chemicals on EPA List for Commerce](#) [\(3\)](#)

By Pat Rizzuto

Companies that make chemicals or mix them into products like paint, detergent, and wax have until Aug. 5 to let the EPA know if a compound they make or use was omitted from an official EPA list, the agency announced May 9.

Trade Secrets May Be Lost, EPA Warns Chemical Makers (1)

By Pat Rizzuto

Chemical makers that don't protect sensitive business information in forms they submit to the EPA about proposed new compounds could soon find their trade secrets disclosed to the public, the agency's top chemicals official said May 9.

Amazon to Boost Quality Control After Selling Toxic Kid Products

By Spencer Soper (Bloomberg) and Paul Shukovsky (Bloomberg Environment)

Amazon.com Inc. has agreed to tighten quality control standards on its marketplace following an investigation that determined dozens of children's school supplies and jewelry sold on the site had illegal levels of toxic metals lead and cadmium.

THIS WEEK IN CLIMATE CHANGE NEWS

EPA Must Enforce Obama-Era Landfill Methane Limits, Court Rules (1)

By Abby Smith

The EPA must enforce Obama-era limits on methane from landfills, and it has just a few months to get back on track, a federal district court judge ordered, dealing a victory to a group of states and environmental groups.

Human Activity, Climate Change Driving Widespread Species Loss

By Abby Smith

Ecosystems and species are declining quickly and significantly as a result of human activity, and the losses are exacerbated by global warming, according to a new international report that marks the most comprehensive assessment of biodiversity losses to date.

Carbon-From-Air Success Rides on Federal Support: Report (1)

By Abby Smith

The U.S. will need to suck carbon out of the air in large quantities to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by mid-century, and the technology will need significant, targeted federal support to meet the challenge, a new report says.

Bernhardt: Climate Change Is Real, but Drilling Won't Stop (1)

By David Schultz (Bloomberg Environment)

The head of the Department of the Interior told Congress he believes climate change is happening and that human activity is a cause, but said he won't stop fossil fuel development on lands he oversees.

THIS WEEK IN AIR, WATER AND WASTE

UN Members Choke Waste Exports Despite U.S. Opposition (1)

By Bryce Baschuk

More than 180 governments agreed May 10 to strengthen global regulations on the trade of plastic waste.

Maui Urges Supreme Court to Topple Groundwater Ruling

By Peter Hayes

Maui shouldn't be held liable for discharging treated wastewater that seeped through groundwater into the Pacific Ocean, the county told the Supreme Court May 9.

Willamette River Cleanup Companies Offered \$24 Million Incentive

By Sylvia Carignan

Companies working on cleanup at Oregon's Portland Harbor Superfund site will get \$24 million if they complete the design portion of the cleanup plan by the end of the year, the EPA announced May 10.

Disaster Bill With Flood Insurance Extension Passes House

By David Schultz

The House passed a measure that would prevent the National Flood Insurance Program from lapsing at the end of this month, but Republicans in the Senate and the White House are refusing to back it.

States Resist EPA Move on Spending for Air Pollution Monitoring (1)

By Amena H. Saiyid

States are pushing back against EPA attempts to wean them off of no-strings-attached grants to monitor fine airborne particle pollution, according to two national nonprofits representing state and local air quality agencies.

SpaceX Seeks Tight Restrictions for Managing Space Junk

By Sylvia Carignan

SpaceX is pushing the federal government to write strict regulations for managing space trash to keep the environment clean for future launches.

THIS WEEK IN ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

California Central Coast, Bay Area to Open for Drilling (1)

By Tripp Baltz

A more than five-year moratorium on leasing land in California for oil and gas development will be coming to an end with a May 9 Interior Department plan to open up about 725,000 acres across the state's Central Coast and the Bay Area for drilling.

Northeast Draws Millions in Perks in Push for Offshore Wind

By Christopher Martin

Want to spruce up your downtown, or maybe get \$10 million to support workforce training at the local college? How about investments to help rebuild aging ports and establish trust funds for your fisherman?

Exelon to Shut Three Mile Island as Nuke Bill Founders (2)

By Jim Efstathiou Jr.

Exelon Corp. says it's moving forward with plans to close the Three Mile Island nuclear plant in Pennsylvania after a bid to bail out struggling reactors has failed to advance in the state legislature.

Interior Chief Says He Will Be Cleared in Federal Ethics Probe

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy

Interior Secretary David Bernhardt said Tuesday he was "confident" an ongoing federal probe will exonerate him of ethical misconduct allegations.

Offshore Wind Could Power Oil Platforms and Solidify Industries

By Bobby Magill

Offshore wind farms could eventually provide electricity for offshore oil platforms in the Gulf of Mexico, according to new research.

THIS WEEK FROM THE STATES

California to Ban Pesticide Chlorpyrifos (1)

By Adam Allington

California, the nation's largest and most-productive agricultural state, announced plans May 8 to ban the widely used pesticide chlorpyrifos.

New York State Power Plants Must Be Coal-Free by 2020

By Keshia Clukey

Power plants in New York must be coal-free by the end of 2020 or close as a result of new greenhouse gas regulations.

South Carolina to Lift Cap on Solar Power Sell-Back From Homeowners (1)

By Andrew M. Ballard

Solar energy's future looks bright in South Carolina after state lawmakers passed a bill to lift caps on how much power homeowners can sell back to power companies.

Utilities Head to Court Over Canada-to-U.S. Hydropower Plan

By Adrienne Appel

Utility giants Avangrid and NextEra Energy Resources LLC are headed to court over a plan to bring hydropower from Canada to Massachusetts on transmission lines.

Seattle Enacts Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Law

By Paul Shukovsky

New construction in Seattle will be required to provide electric vehicle charging infrastructure in shared parking spaces under an ordinance signed into law by Mayor Jenny Durkan (D) May 8.

Wisconsin Attorney General Switches Sides in Environmental Cases

By Stephen Joyce

Actions taken by Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul, a Democrat, in two pending cases involving water quality are evidence that elections have consequences.

THIS WEEK'S INSIGHTS

INSIGHT: EPA Groundwater Cleanup Guidance Not Protective

By Betsy Southerland

The Environmental Protection Agency released its draft guidance describing under what conditions private companies and the federal government would be responsible for cleaning up groundwater contaminated with the toxic chemicals perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS). Betsy Southerland, who formerly held senior positions in the EPA's water and Superfund programs where she oversaw development of the agency's drinking water health advisories for the chemicals, critiques the draft guidance.

INSIGHT: Kirkland & Ellis Teaches Associates Evidence Through 'Learning by Doing'

Courtroom skills improve a litigator's results across the board, but how can young lawyers with no trial experience develop these skills? In the first of a series on associate training, Kirkland & Ellis partners explain how they teach skills on evidence—handling evidentiary issues in depositions, motion in limine strategy, and objections at trial.

INSIGHT: How Mature Is Your Legal Department When It Comes to E-Discovery?

Although e-discovery has become an important tool for many in-house counsel, many companies still struggle with new sources like social media and instant messaging, a survey by Duke University and Exterro found. Exterro's Tim Rollins gives three key takeaways from the survey, including how companies fared in training and by industry and size.

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